

canton of Zürich. In the meantime genealogies of two different Huber families of Swiss origin who emigrated to the Palatinate, one from Bern and one from Zürich, have been completed.

While Prof. Macco has investigated, of his own accord, the former President's ancestry in the canton of Bern as far back as the 13th century, a study which has not been published, I have taken an interest in investigating the ancestors of my great-great-great-grand-mother, Anna Maria Huber, born at Trippstadt, 1711, died at Gemünd / Eifel, 1773, who married in 1730, at Trippstadt, Johann David Staudt. With the help of Prof. Macco I have been able to trace the genealogy of this Huber family of Trippstadt to about the year 1500, in Aesch near Neftenbach, in the canton Zürich.

I am grateful to The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania for putting at my disposal space in its *Publications* for the German and Swiss ancestry of several colonial emigrants, whose descendants are now spread over the United States. Hereafter only that part of the Huber genealogy in Europe will be given which can be of interest to the American branches. I am sorry to say that I have not been in personal contact with any of these descendants bearing the Huber name. All my efforts in this respect have so far been in vain. Nevertheless, I beg to express the hope that my aim to awaken in America the interest of the Hoover descendants of these Hubers may yet be realized, and that the American part of the genealogy will soon be compiled.

*The Name Huber.* Families bearing the name of Huber will generally be found to originate from those parts of the German speaking countries where the "Hube" or hufe, was the unit to measure farm land,—i. e. in Southern Germany and the German parts of Switzerland. In Switzerland a "hub" or huob, huebe, used to be a plot of land of about 48 acres. In the middle ages the person possessing and working a "hube" or farm was called "huber" i. e. farmer, and sometimes this characterization became the name of such farmer's family. This explains the relative frequency of the name Huber used by families with no interrelation whatsoever. While this name appears rather often in the eastern cantons, it is not indigenous to the so-called "Urschweiz" (the cantons Schwyz, Uri and Unterwalden), nor in Fribourg and Wallis. Huber families now there have emigrated from other cantons.